

**AIR ATTACK BASE PERSONNEL TRAINING**  
(Revised September 2001)

**8391**

See 4000 Training Handbook [Section 4092](#)

**BASE PERSONNEL ORIENTATION**  
(Revised September 2001)

**8391.1**

**ORIENTATION**  
(Revised September 2001)

**8391.1.1**

Prior to engaging in fire suppression activities, base personnel and contract pilots will receive minimum training as outlined.

Each pilot should be familiar with the administrative unit structure of CDF and the fire line organization chain of command, CDF rules and regulations, and rules pertaining to association with inmate personnel from conservation camps. Pilots associated with a CDF air operation will be expected to have knowledge of and abide by current rules and regulations applicable to any CDF installation while on duty.

**RAMP/DECK MANAGEMENT**

Standard Hand Signals (As identified in the FAR AIM)

Familiarize pilots with the standard hand signals associated with ground movement of aircraft and enforce their use.

**Zone-of-Influence**

At the start of fire season, the CDF shall familiarize each pilot with the zone-of-influence of his assigned base, with the maps covering that area, and with well-known landmarks that may be used as reference points, and with air traffic hazards and special hazards of the general area, per the flight hazard map. Each pilot shall possess a current set of FAA Sectional Aeronautical Charts covering all of California. Additional aids to navigation which the pilot may choose to place on these charts for his/her assistance, such as magnetic radials from each base, or local prominent landmark identifications are recommended. If pilots are new to the zone-of-influence, it is permissible to have them flown over that area at state expense for familiarization purposes.

**Communications**

At the start of fire season, management personnel shall train each pilot to operate the State radio in the aircraft, the CDF radio network and how it operates. It is important to provide each pilot with enough reference material and information about operating the radio to assure effective communication anywhere in the state during an incident operation.

## Fire Control Methods

Pilots are not necessarily acquainted with the characteristics of wildland fire behavior and recognized techniques of fire control. A program shall be initiated during the first few days of fire season and continue throughout.

[\(see next section\)](#)

[\(see HB Table of Contents\)](#)

[\(see Forms or Forms Samples\)](#)